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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

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A REMEMBRANCE

What is ten years remembered:

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A clinical report of a murder.

Is it a dress dark-splotched with blood?

The swollen faces of grief.

Is it a rain-filled sky over Washington?

A silent throng under the Capitol's  
dome.

Is it two children and a child's single  
cry?

A riderless horse.

An intonation in a cathedral.

The flickering of a flame.

What is ten years remembered:

How much rain beating on a grave-  
site?

How much snow falling and filtered  
sunlight?

How many mind-flashes of a man?

Of his humor and humanity.

Of his sense and sensitivity.

Ten years after, it is all remembered and  
more:

An assertion of human decency.

A trust of freedom.

A confidence in reason.

A love of country.

A kindled hope for the Nation.

This was John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

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